

ON THE MULTIMOMENTUM BUNDLES AND THE LEGENDRE MAPS IN FIELD THEORIES

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Abstract

We study the geometrical background of the Hamiltonian formalism of first-order Classical Field Theories. In particular, different proposals of *multimomentum bundles* existing in the usual literature (including their canonical structures) are analyzed and compared. The corresponding *Legendre maps* are introduced. As a consequence, the definition of *regular* and *almost-regular* Lagrangian systems is reviewed and extended from different but equivalent ways.

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1 Introduction

The standard geometric structures underlying the covariant Lagrangian description of first-order Field Theories are first order jet bundles $J^1E \xrightarrow{\pi^1} E \xrightarrow{\pi} M$ and their canonical structures [5], [7], [9], [18], [19], [23], [28]. Nevertheless, for the covariant Hamiltonian formalism of these theories there are several choices for the phase space where this formalism takes place. Among all of them, only the *multisymplectic* models will deserve our attention in this work. So, in [11], [12], [17] and [24], (see also [15], [16] and [17]) the *multimomentum phase space* is taken to be $\mathcal{M}\pi \equiv \Lambda_1^m T^*E$, the bundle of m -forms on E (m being the dimension of M) vanishing by the action of two π -vertical vector fields. In [3], [14], [20] and [21] use is made of $J^1\pi^* \equiv \Lambda_1^m T^*E / \Lambda_0^m T^*E$ as the multimomentum phase space (where $\Lambda_0^m T^*E$ is the bundle of π -semibasic m -forms in E). Finally, in [4], [8], [9], [25], and [26] the basic choice is the bundle $\Pi \equiv \pi^*TM \otimes V^*(\pi) \otimes \pi^*\Lambda^m T^*M$ (here $V^*(\pi)$ denotes the dual bundle of $V(\pi)$: the π -vertical subbundle of TE) which, in turns, is related to $J^1E^* \equiv \pi^*TM \otimes T^*E \otimes \pi^*\Lambda^m T^*M$. The origin of all these multimomentum bundles is related to the different *Legendre maps* which arise essentially from the fiber derivative of the Lagrangian density (see Section 4).

All these choices have special features. So, $\mathcal{M}\pi$ and J^1E^* are endowed with natural multisymplectic forms. In works such as [12], the former is used for obtaining the *Poincaré-Cartan* form in J^1E , which is needed for the Lagrangian formalism. This is done by defining the suitable *Legendre map* connecting J^1E and $\mathcal{M}\pi$. On the other hand, the dimensions of J^1E and $\mathcal{M}\pi$ and J^1E^* are not equal: in fact, $\dim \mathcal{M}\pi = \dim J^1E + 1$ and $\dim J^1E^* = \dim J^1E + (\dim M)^2$; but $\dim \Pi = \dim J^1\pi^* = \dim J^1E$ and the choice of both $J^1\pi^*$ and Π as multimomentum phase spaces allows us to state coherent covariant Hamiltonian formalisms for Field Theories. Finally, the construction of $J^1\pi^*$ is closely related to $\mathcal{M}\pi$, but their relation to Π and J^1E^* is not evident at all.

Hence, the aim of this work is to carry out a comparative study of these multimomentum bundles, and introduce the canonical geometrical structures of $\mathcal{M}\pi$ and J^1E^* . In every case, the corresponding *Legendre map* is also defined. An interesting conclusion of this study is that the multimomentum bundles $J^1\pi^*$ and Π are canonically diffeomorphic. Finally, using the different Legendre maps, we can classify Lagrangian systems in Field Theory into (*hyper*)*regular* and *almost-regular*, from different but equivalent ways, attending to the characteristics of these maps.

All manifolds are real, paracompact, connected and C^∞ . All maps are C^∞ . Sum over crossed repeated indices is understood.

2 Multimomentum bundles

Let $\pi: E \rightarrow M$ be a fiber bundle ($\dim E = N + m$, $\dim M = m$), $\pi^1: J^1E \rightarrow E$ the first order jet bundle of local sections of π , and $\bar{\pi}^1 = \pi \circ \pi^1$. J^1E is an affine bundle modeled on $\pi^*T^*M \otimes V(\pi)$.

A local chart of natural coordinates in E adapted to the bundle $E \rightarrow M$ will be denoted by (x^μ, y^A) . The induced local chart in J^1E is denoted by (x^μ, y^A, v_μ^A) .

Definition 1 *The bundle (over E)*

$$J^1E^* := \pi^*TM \otimes_E T^*E \otimes_E \pi^*\Lambda^m T^*M$$

is called the generalized multimomentum bundle associated with the bundle $\pi: E \rightarrow M$. We denote the natural projections by $\hat{\rho}^1: J^1E^ \rightarrow E$ and $\hat{\rho}^1 := \pi \circ \hat{\rho}^1: J^1E^* \rightarrow M$.*

The local system (x^μ, y^A) induces a local system of natural coordinates $(x^\mu, y^A, p_\mu^\nu, p_A^\mu)$ in $J^1 E^*$ as follows: if $\mathbf{y} \in J^1 E^*$, with $\mathbf{y} \xrightarrow{\hat{\rho}^1} y \xrightarrow{\pi} x$, we have that

$$\mathbf{y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \Big|_y \otimes (f_\nu^\mu dx^\nu + g_A^\mu dy^A)_y \otimes d^m x|_y \quad (1)$$

(where $d^m x \equiv dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^m$), and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} x^\mu(\mathbf{y}) &= x^\mu((\pi \circ \hat{\rho}^1)(\mathbf{y})) & ; & & y^A(\mathbf{y}) &= y^A(\hat{\rho}^1(\mathbf{y})) \\ p_\nu^\mu(\mathbf{y}) &= \mathbf{y} \left(dx^\mu \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} \otimes \partial^m x \Big|_y \right) = f_\nu^\mu & ; & & p_A^\mu(\mathbf{y}) &= \mathbf{y} \left(dx^\mu \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial y^A} \otimes \partial^m x \Big|_y \right) = g_A^\mu \end{aligned}$$

(where $\partial^m x \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m}$).

Definition 2 *The bundle (over E)*

$$\Pi := \pi^* TM \otimes_E V^*(\pi) \otimes_E \pi^* \Lambda^m T^* M = \bigcup_{y \in E} T_{\pi(y)} M \otimes V_y^*(\pi) \otimes \Lambda^m T_{\pi(y)}^* M$$

is called the reduced multimomentum bundle associated with the bundle $\pi: E \rightarrow M$. We denote the natural projections by $\rho^1: \Pi \rightarrow E$ and $\bar{\rho}^1 := \pi \circ \rho^1: \Pi \rightarrow M$.

From the local system (x^μ, y^A) we can construct a natural system of coordinates (x^μ, y^A, p_A^μ) in Π as follows: considering $\tilde{y} \in \Pi$, we write

$$x^\mu(\tilde{y}) = x^\mu(\bar{\rho}^1(\tilde{y})) ; \quad y^A(\tilde{y}) = y^A(\rho^1(\tilde{y})) ; \quad p_A^\mu(\tilde{y}) = \tilde{y} \left(dx^\mu, \frac{\partial}{\partial y^A}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \wedge \dots \wedge \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} \right)$$

and denoting the dual basis of $\frac{\partial}{\partial y^A}$ in $V^*(\pi)$ by $\{\zeta^A\}$, an element $\tilde{y} \in \Pi$ is expressed as

$$\tilde{y} = p_A^\mu(\tilde{y}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \otimes \zeta^A \otimes d^m x \Big|_{(x^\mu(\tilde{y}), y^A(\tilde{y}))}$$

The relation between these multimomentum bundles is given by the (onto) map

$$\begin{aligned} \delta : \quad J^1 E^* & \longrightarrow \Pi \\ (x^\mu, y^A, p_A^\mu, p_\mu^\nu) & \longmapsto (x^\mu, y^A, p_A^\mu) \end{aligned}$$

which is induced by the natural restriction $T^* E \rightarrow V^*(\pi)$.

Definition 3 *Consider the multicotangent bundle $\Lambda^m T^* E$. Then, for every $y \in E$ we define*

$$\Lambda_1^m T_y^* E := \{\gamma \in \Lambda^m T_y^* E ; i(u_1) i(u_2) \gamma = 0, \quad u_1, u_2 \in V_y(\pi)\}$$

The bundle (over E)

$$\mathcal{M}\pi \equiv \Lambda_1^m T^* E := \bigcup_{y \in E} \Lambda_1^m T_y^* E = \bigcup_{y \in E} \{(y, \alpha) ; \alpha \in \Lambda_1^m T_y^* E\}$$

will be called the extended multimomentum bundle associated with the bundle $\pi: E \rightarrow M$. We denote the natural projections by $\hat{\kappa}^1: \mathcal{M}\pi \rightarrow E$ and $\bar{\kappa}^1: \mathcal{M}\pi \rightarrow M$.

The local chart (x^μ, y^A) in E induces a natural system of coordinates (x^μ, y^A, p, p_A^μ) in $\mathcal{M}\pi$. Hence, if $\hat{y} \in \mathcal{M}\pi$ (with $\hat{y} \xrightarrow{\hat{\kappa}^1} y \xrightarrow{\pi} x$), it is a m -covector whose expressions in a natural chart is

$$\hat{y} = \lambda dx^m + \lambda_A^\mu dy^A \wedge d^{m-1}x_\mu$$

and we have that

$$x^\mu(\hat{y}) = x^\mu(y), \quad y^A(\hat{y}) = y^A(y), \quad p(\hat{y}) = \hat{y}(\partial^m x) = \lambda, \quad p_A^\mu(\hat{y}) = \hat{y}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y^A} \wedge \partial^{m-1}x^\mu\right) = \lambda_A^\mu$$

(where $\partial^{m-1}x^\mu \equiv i(dx^\mu)\partial^m x$).

Another usual characterization of the bundle $\mathcal{M}\pi$ is the following:

Proposition 1 $\mathcal{M}\pi \equiv \Lambda_1^m T^*E$ is canonically isomorphic to $\text{Aff}(J^1E, \pi^* \Lambda^m T^*M)$.

(*Proof*) It is a consequence of Lemma 3 of the appendix, taking $G = T_y E$, $H = T_x M$, $F = V_y(\pi)$, and $\Sigma = J_y^1 E$, and then observing that the sequence (6) is

$$0 \longrightarrow V_y(\pi) \xrightarrow{j_y} T_y E \xrightarrow{T_y \pi} T_x M \longrightarrow 0$$

(See also [3]). ■

Comment:

- Given a section $\Gamma: E \rightarrow J^1 E$ of π^1 , in the same way as it is commented in the Lemma 2 of the appendix, we have an splitting

$$\text{Aff}(J^1 E, \pi^* \Lambda^m T^* M) \simeq \pi^* \Lambda^m T^* M \oplus (\pi^* \Lambda^m T^* M \otimes V^*(\pi))$$

and then $\dim(\mathcal{M}\pi)_y = \dim \Pi_y + 1$, for every $y \in E$.

We can introduce the *canonical contraction* in $J^1 E^*$, which is defined as the map

$$\begin{aligned} \iota : J^1 E^* \equiv \pi^* T M \otimes T^* E \otimes \pi^* \Lambda^m T^* M &\longrightarrow \Lambda^m T^* E \\ \mathbf{y} = u_k \otimes \alpha^k \otimes \chi &\mapsto \alpha^k \wedge \pi^* i(u_k) \chi \end{aligned}$$

In a natural chart $(x^\mu, y^A, p_\mu^\nu, p_A^\mu)$ in $J^1 E^*$, bearing in mind (1), we obtain

$$\iota(\mathbf{y}) = (f_\nu^\mu dx^\nu + g_A^\mu dy^A)_y \wedge i\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}\right) d^m x \Big|_y = (f_\mu^\mu d^m x + g_A^\mu dy^A \wedge d^{m-1}x_\mu)_y$$

(where $d^{m-1}x_\mu \equiv i\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}\right) d^m x$. Remember that f_μ^μ denotes $\sum_{\mu=1}^m f_\mu^\mu$).

Therefore, the relation between the multimomentum bundles $\mathcal{M}\pi$ and $J^1 E^*$ is:

Proposition 2 $\mathcal{M}\pi = \iota(J^1 E^*)$. (We will denote $\iota_0: J^1 E^* \rightarrow \mathcal{M}\pi$ the restriction of ι onto its image $\mathcal{M}\pi$).

(*Proof*) For every $y \in E$ we must prove that

$$\iota(J^1 E^*)_y = \{\gamma \in \Lambda^m T_y^* E ; i(u_1) i(u_2) \gamma = 0, \quad u_1, u_2 \in V_y(\pi)\} \equiv \Lambda_1^m T_y^* E$$

In fact; if $\mathbf{y} \in J^1 E^*$, $\gamma = \iota(\mathbf{y})$ and $u_1, u_2 \in V_y \pi$, in a local chart we have

$$i(u_1) i(u_2)(\iota(\mathbf{y})) = i(u_1) i(u_2)(p_\nu^\nu(\mathbf{y}) dx + p_A^\mu(\mathbf{y}) dy^A \wedge d^{m-1} x_\mu)_y = 0$$

and conversely, if $\gamma \in \Lambda^m T_y^* E$ satisfies the above condition, then $\gamma = (\lambda dx + \lambda_A^\mu dy^A \wedge d^{m-1} x_\mu)_y$, therefore $\gamma = \iota(\mathbf{y})$, with

$$\mathbf{y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \Big|_y \otimes \left(\left(\frac{\lambda}{m} (dx^1 + \dots + dx^m) + \lambda_A^\mu dy^A \right) \Big|_y \otimes d^m x|_y \right)$$

(Observe that $\Lambda_1^m T^* E$ is canonically isomorphic to $T^* E \wedge \pi^* \Lambda^{m-1} T^* M$). ■

Note that, in natural coordinates, we have

$$\iota: \mathbf{y} \equiv (x^\mu, y^A, p_A^\mu, p_\mu^\nu) \mapsto \hat{y} \equiv (x^\mu, y^A, p_A^\mu, p = p_\mu^\mu)$$

The sections of the bundle $\pi^* \Lambda^m T^* M \rightarrow E$ are the π -semibasic m -forms on E . Therefore we introduce the notation $\Lambda_0^m T^* E \equiv \pi^* \Lambda^m T^* M$, and then:

Definition 4 *The bundle (over E)*

$$J^1 \pi^* := \Lambda_1^m T^* E / \Lambda_0^m T^* E \equiv \mathcal{M} \pi / \Lambda_0^m T^* E$$

will be called the restricted multimomentum bundle associated with the bundle $\pi: E \rightarrow M$. We denote the natural projections by $\kappa^1: J^1 \pi^* \rightarrow E$ and $\bar{\kappa}^1 := \pi \circ \kappa^1: J^1 \pi^* \rightarrow M$.

The natural coordinates in $J^1 \pi^*$ will be denoted as (x^μ, y^A, p_A^μ) .

The relation between the bundles $\mathcal{M} \pi$ and $J^1 \pi^*$ is given by the natural projection

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mu & : & \mathcal{M} \pi = \Lambda_1^m T^* E \longrightarrow \Lambda_1^m T^* E / \Lambda_0^m T^* E = J^1 \pi^* \\ & & (x^\mu, y^A, p_A^\mu, p) \longmapsto (x^\mu, y^A, p_A^\mu) \end{array}$$

Finally, the relation between the multimomentum bundles Π and $J^1 \pi^*$ is:

Theorem 1 *The multimomentum bundles $J^1 \pi^*$ and Π are canonically diffeomorphic. We will denote this diffeomorphism by $\Psi: J^1 \pi^* \rightarrow \Pi$.*

(*Proof*) By Proposition 1, we have that $\Lambda_1^m T^* E \equiv \mathcal{M} \pi$ is canonically isomorphic to $\text{Aff}(J^1 E, \Lambda^m T^* M)$. On the other hand, taking $G = T_y E$, $H = T_x M$, $F = V_y(\pi)$, and $\Sigma = J_y^1 E$ in Lemma 4 of the appendix, we obtain

$$\text{Aff}(J_y^1 E, \Lambda^m T_x^* M) / \Lambda^m T_x^* M \simeq T_x M \otimes V_y^*(\pi) \otimes \Lambda^m T_x^* M$$

Therefore, extending these constructions to the bundles we have

$$J^1 \pi^* \simeq \text{Aff}(J^1 E, \pi^* \Lambda^m T^* M) / \pi^* \Lambda^m T^* M \simeq \pi^* T M \otimes V^*(\pi) \otimes \pi^* \Lambda^m T^* M := \Pi$$

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Remark:

- As is known, a connection in the bundle $\pi: E \rightarrow M$, that is, a section $\Gamma: E \rightarrow J^1E$ of π^1 , induces a linear map $\bar{\Gamma}: V^*(\pi) \rightarrow T^*E$ and, as a consequence, another one

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Gamma} &: \pi^*TM \otimes V^*(\pi) \otimes \Lambda^m T^*M \rightarrow \Lambda_1^m T^*E \\ &u \otimes \alpha \otimes \xi \mapsto \bar{\Gamma}(\alpha) \wedge i(u)\xi \end{aligned}$$

In this way, we can get the inverse map Ψ^{-1} by means of a connection: it is the composition of $\tilde{\Gamma}$ with $\mu: \Lambda_1^m T^*E \rightarrow \Lambda_1^m T^*E / \Lambda_0^m T^*E$. Nevertheless, Ψ^{-1} is connection independent because, given two connections Γ_1, Γ_2 , the image of $\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2$ is in $\Lambda_0^m T^*E \subset \Lambda_1^m T^*E$.

Next, we give the coordinate expression of this diffeomorphism. First, let us recall that the natural coordinates in E produce an affine reference frame in J^1E as follows: if $\pi(y) = x$, take $\bar{y}_0, \bar{y}_A^\mu \in J_y^1E$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y}_0 &= \left\{ \phi: M \rightarrow E ; \phi(x) = y, T_x \phi \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \right)_x = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \right)_y \right\} \\ \bar{y}_A^\mu &= \left\{ \phi: M \rightarrow E ; \phi(x) = y, T_x \phi \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \right)_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \Big|_y + \frac{\partial}{\partial y^A} \Big|_y \right\} \end{aligned}$$

(Observe that \bar{y}_0 is the 1-jet of critical sections with target y); then we obtain $\bar{y} - \bar{y}_0 = v_\mu^A(\bar{y})(\bar{y}_A^\mu - \bar{y}_0)$, for every $\bar{y} \in J_y^1E$.

An affine map $\varphi: J^1E \rightarrow \Lambda_0^m T^*E$ is given by $\varphi = (\varphi(\bar{y}_0), \hat{\varphi})$ (where $\hat{\varphi}$ denotes the linear part of φ), then

$$\varphi(\bar{y}) = \varphi(\bar{y}_0) + \hat{\varphi}(v_\mu^A(\bar{y})(\bar{y}_A^\mu - \bar{y}_0)) = \varphi(\bar{y}_0) + v_\mu^A(\bar{y})\hat{\varphi}(\bar{y}_A^\mu - \bar{y}_0)$$

Denoting by q the fiber coordinate in $\pi^* \Lambda^m T^*M \equiv \Lambda_0^m T^*E$. We have

$$q(\varphi(\bar{y})) = (\varphi(\bar{y}_0))(\partial^m x) + v_\mu^A(\bar{y})\hat{\varphi}(\bar{y}_A^\mu - \bar{y}_0)(\partial^m x) = \lambda + v_\mu^A(\bar{y})\lambda_A^\mu$$

Then we have an affine coordinate system in $\text{Aff}(J^1E, \Lambda_0^m T^*E)$, denoted (q, q_A^μ) , with

$$q(\varphi) = q(\varphi(\bar{y}_0)) \quad , \quad q_A^\mu(\varphi) = q(\hat{\varphi}(\bar{y}_A^\mu - \bar{y}_0))$$

and hence $\varphi = (l, l_A^\mu)$, with $l = q(\varphi)$, $l_A^\mu = q_A^\mu(\varphi)$ or, what means the same thing, $\varphi(v_\mu^A) = (l + l_A^\mu v_\mu^A) d^m x$.

Now, let $\bar{y} \in J^1E$, with $\bar{y} \xrightarrow{\pi^1} y \xrightarrow{\pi} x$. Consider the map

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon &: \Lambda_1^m T^*E \longrightarrow \text{Aff}(J^1E, \Lambda_0^m T^*E) \\ \eta &\longmapsto \Upsilon(\eta) \quad : \quad \bar{y} \mapsto (\phi^* \eta)_y \end{aligned}$$

(introduced in Lemma 3 of the appendix), where $\phi: M \rightarrow E$ is a representative of \bar{y} , with $\phi(x) = y$. If $\beta = (\lambda d^m x + \lambda_A^\mu dy^A \wedge d^{m-1} x_\mu)_y \in \Lambda_1^m T^*E$, then

$$T_x \phi = \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Id} \\ v_\mu^A(y) \end{array} \right) \quad , \quad T_x \phi \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \right)_x = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \right)_y + v_\mu^A(\bar{y}) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y^A} \right)_y$$

Therefore we obtain

$$(\Upsilon(\beta))(\bar{y}) = (\phi^* \beta)_y = ((\lambda + \lambda_A^\mu v_\mu^A(\bar{y})) d^m x)_y$$

that is, $\Upsilon(\beta) = (\lambda, \lambda_A^\mu)$ or, what is equivalent,

$$q(\Upsilon(\beta)) = p(\beta) = \lambda \quad , \quad q_A^\mu(\Upsilon(\beta)) = p_A^\mu(\beta) = \lambda_A^\mu \quad \text{or} \quad \Upsilon^* q = p \quad , \quad \Upsilon^* q_A^\mu = p_A^\mu$$

Thus Υ is a diffeomorphism in the fiber, and therefore a diffeomorphism, since it is the identity on the base.

Finally, we have the (commutative) diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Lambda_1^m T^* E & \xrightarrow{\Upsilon} & \text{Aff}(J^1 E, \Lambda_0^m T^* E) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \Lambda_1^m T^* E / \Lambda_0^m T^* E & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & \text{Aff}(J^1 E, \Lambda_0^m T^* E) / \Lambda_0^m T^* E
 \end{array}$$

and, for proving that Υ goes to the quotient, it suffices to see that $\Upsilon(\Lambda_0^m T^* E) \subset \Lambda_0^m T^* E$. To show this we must identify $\Lambda_0^m T^* E$ as a subset of both $\Lambda_1^m T^* E$ and $\text{Aff}(J^1 E, \Lambda_0^m T^* E)$. In $\Lambda_1^m T^* E$ we have that the elements of $\Lambda_0^m T^* E$ are characterized as follows: $\beta \in \Lambda_0^m T^* E$ iff, for a natural coordinate system (x^μ, y^A, p, p_A^μ) , we have $p_A^\mu(\beta) = 0$. On the other hand, as a subset of $\text{Aff}(J^1 E, \Lambda_0^m T^* E)$,

$$\Lambda_0^m T^* E \equiv \{\varphi \in \text{Aff}(J^1 E, \Lambda_0^m T^* E) ; \varphi = \text{constant}\} = \{\varphi \in \text{Aff}(J^1 E, \Lambda_0^m T^* E) ; \hat{\varphi} = 0\}$$

($\hat{\varphi}$ denotes the linear part of φ), or equivalently, for an affine natural coordinate system (q, q_A^μ) ,

$$\Lambda_0^m T^* E \equiv \{\varphi \in \text{Aff}(J^1 E, \Lambda_0^m T^* E) ; q_A^\mu(\varphi) = 0\}$$

And, from the local expression of Υ , we obtain that $\Upsilon(\Lambda_0^m T^* E) = \Lambda_0^m T^* E$. As a consequence of this, if p_A^μ are the fiber coordinates in $J^1 \pi^* = \Lambda_1^m T^* E / \Lambda_0^m T^* E$, and p_A^μ are those in $\Pi = \text{Aff}(J^1 E, \Lambda_0^m T^* E) / \Lambda_0^m T^* E$, we have that

$$\Psi^* p_A^\mu = p_A^\mu \quad , \quad \forall \mu, A$$

and, consequently, in these natural coordinate systems, the diffeomorphism Ψ is the identity.

3 Canonical forms in the multimomentum bundles

The multimomentum bundles $J^1 E^*$ and $\mathcal{M}\pi$ are endowed with canonical differential forms:

Definition 5 *The canonical m -form of $J^1 E^*$ is the form $\hat{\Theta} \in \Omega^m(J^1 E^*)$ defined as follows: if $\mathbf{y} \in J^1 E^*$ and $X_1, \dots, X_m \in \mathfrak{X}(J^1 E^*)$, then*

$$\hat{\Theta}(\mathbf{y}; X_1, \dots, X_m) := \iota(\mathbf{y})(T_{\mathbf{y}} \hat{\rho}^1(X_1), \dots, T_{\mathbf{y}} \hat{\rho}^1(X_m))$$

The canonical $(m+1)$ -form of $J^1 E^$ is $\hat{\Omega} := -d\hat{\Theta} \in \Omega^{m+1}(J^1 E^*)$.*

In a natural chart in $J^1 E^*$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\Theta} &= p_\nu^\nu dx^m + p_A^\mu dy^A \wedge d^{m-1} x_\mu \\
 \hat{\Omega} &= -dp_\nu^\nu \wedge d^m x - dp_A^\mu \wedge dy^A \wedge d^{m-1} x_\mu
 \end{aligned}$$

Remark:

- As is known [2], the *multicotangent bundle* $\Lambda^m T^* E$ is endowed with canonical forms: $\Theta \in \Omega^m(\Lambda^m T^* E)$ and the multisymplectic form $\Omega := -d\Theta \in \Omega^{m+1}(\Lambda^m T^* E)$. Then, it can be easily proved that $\hat{\Theta} = \iota^* \Theta$.

Observe that $\mathcal{M}\pi \equiv \Lambda_1^m T^* E$ is a subbundle of the *multicotangent bundle* $\Lambda^m T^* E$. Let $\varsigma: \Lambda_1^m T^* E \hookrightarrow \Lambda^m T^* E$ be the natural imbedding (hence $\varsigma \circ \iota_0 = \iota$). Then:

Definition 6 The canonical m -form of $\mathcal{M}\pi$ is $\Theta := \varsigma^* \boldsymbol{\Theta} \in \Omega^m(\mathcal{M}\pi)$. It is also called the multimomentum Liouville m -form.

The canonical $(m+1)$ -form of $\mathcal{M}\pi$ is $\Omega = -d\Theta \in \Omega^{m+1}(\mathcal{M}\pi)$, and it is called the multimomentum Liouville $(m+1)$ -form.

The expressions of these forms in a natural chart in $\mathcal{M}\pi$ are

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta &= p d^m x + p_A^\mu dy^A \wedge d^{m-1} x_\mu \\ \Omega &= -dp \wedge d^m x - dp_A^\mu \wedge dy^A \wedge d^{m-1} x_\mu\end{aligned}$$

Then, a simple calculation allows us to prove that Ω is 1-nondegenerate, and hence $(\mathcal{M}\pi, \Omega)$ is a multisymplectic manifold.

Remark:

- Considering the natural projection $\hat{\kappa}^1: \Lambda_1^m T^*E \rightarrow E$, then

$$\Theta((y, \alpha); X_1, \dots, X_m) := \alpha(y; T_{(y, \alpha)} \hat{\kappa}^1(X_1), \dots, T_{(y, \alpha)} \hat{\kappa}^1(X_m))$$

for every $(y, \alpha) \in \Lambda_1^m T^*E$ (where $y \in E$ and $\alpha \in \Lambda_1^m T_y^*E$), and $X_i \in \mathfrak{X}(\Lambda_1^m T^*E)$.

The canonical m -forms $\hat{\Theta}$ and Θ can be characterized alternatively in the following way:

Proposition 3 1. $\hat{\Theta}$ is the unique $\hat{\rho}^1$ -semibasic m -form in $J^1 E^*$ such that, for every section $\hat{\psi}: E \rightarrow J^1 E^*$ of $\hat{\rho}$, the relation $\hat{\psi}^* \hat{\Theta} = \iota \circ \hat{\psi}$ holds.

2. Θ is the only $\hat{\kappa}^1$ -semibasic m -form in $\mathcal{M}\pi$ such that, for every section $\phi: E \rightarrow \Lambda_1^m T^*E$ of $\hat{\kappa}^1$, the relation $\phi^* \Theta = \phi$ holds.

(Proof)

1. From the definition of $\hat{\Theta}$ it is obvious that it is $\hat{\rho}^1$ -semibasic. Then, for the second relation, let $y \in E$ and $u_1, \dots, u_m \in T_y E$; therefore

$$\begin{aligned}(\hat{\psi}^* \hat{\Theta})(y; u_1, \dots, u_m) &= \hat{\Theta}(\hat{\psi}(y); T_y \hat{\psi}(u_1), \dots, T_y \hat{\psi}(u_m)) \\ &= \iota(\hat{\psi}(y))(y; (T_{\hat{\psi}(y)} \hat{\rho}^1 \circ T_y \hat{\psi})(u_1), \dots, (T_{\hat{\psi}(y)} \hat{\rho}^1 \circ T_y \hat{\psi})(u_m)) \\ &= \iota(\hat{\psi}(y))(y; u_1, \dots, u_m) = (\iota \circ \hat{\psi})(y; u_1, \dots, u_m)\end{aligned}$$

Conversely, suppose that $\hat{\Theta} \in \Omega^m(J^1 E^*)$ verifies both conditions in the statement. We will prove that $\hat{\Theta}$ is uniquely determined. Let $\mathbf{y} \in J^1 E^*$, with $\mathbf{y} \xrightarrow{\hat{\rho}^1} y \xrightarrow{\pi} x$, and $v_1, \dots, v_m \in T_{\mathbf{y}} J^1 E^*$. We can suppose that v_1, \dots, v_m are linearly independent and that

$\langle v_1, \dots, v_m \rangle \cap V_{\bar{y}}(\pi \circ \hat{\rho}^1) = \{0\}$ (where $\langle v_1, \dots, v_m \rangle$ denotes the subspace generated by these vectors), for in other case $\hat{\Theta}(\mathbf{y}; v_1, \dots, v_m) = 0$. Then, by the Lemma 1 (see the appendix), there exist $u_1, \dots, u_m \in T_x M$ and a local section $\hat{\psi}: M \rightarrow J^1 E^*$ of $\pi \circ \hat{\rho}^1$, such that $\hat{\psi}(x) = \mathbf{y}$ and $T_x \hat{\psi}(u_\mu) = v_\mu$ ($\mu = 1, \dots, m$), and we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\Theta}(\mathbf{y}; v_1, \dots, v_m) &= \hat{\Theta}(\hat{\psi}(y); T_y \hat{\psi}(u_1), \dots, T_y \hat{\psi}(u_m)) \\ &= (\hat{\psi}^* \hat{\Theta})(y; u_1, \dots, u_m) = (\iota \circ \hat{\psi})(y; u_1, \dots, u_m)\end{aligned}$$

Hence $\hat{\Theta}(\mathbf{y}; v_1, \dots, v_m)$ is uniquely determined.

2. The proof follows the same pattern as the one above.

4 Legendre maps

From the Lagrangian point of view, a *classical Field Theory* is described by its *configuration bundle* $\pi: E \rightarrow M$ (where M is an oriented manifold with volume form $\omega \in \Omega^m(M)$); and a *Lagrangian density* which is a $\bar{\pi}^1$ -semibasic m -form on $J^1 E$. A Lagrangian density is usually written as $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\bar{\pi}^{1*}\omega)$, where $\mathcal{L} \in C^\infty(J^1 E)$ is the *Lagrangian function* associated with \mathcal{L} and ω . Then a *Lagrangian system* is a couple $((E, M; \pi), \mathcal{L})$. The *Poincaré-Cartan* m and $(m+1)$ -forms associated with the Lagrangian density \mathcal{L} are defined using the *vertical endomorphism* \mathcal{V} of the bundle $J^1 E$:

$$\Theta_{\mathcal{L}} := i(\mathcal{V})\mathcal{L} + \mathcal{L} \equiv \theta_{\mathcal{L}} + \mathcal{L} \in \Omega^m(J^1 E) \quad ; \quad \Omega_{\mathcal{L}} := -d\Theta_{\mathcal{L}} \in \Omega^{m+1}(J^1 E)$$

In a natural chart in $J^1 E$, in which $\bar{\pi}^{1*}\omega = d^m x$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_{\mathcal{L}} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A} dy^A \wedge d^{m-1} x_\mu - \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A} v_\mu^A - \mathcal{L} \right) d^m x \\ \Omega_{\mathcal{L}} &= -\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\nu^B \partial v_\mu^A} dv_\nu^B \wedge dy^A \wedge d^{m-1} x_\mu - \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial y^B \partial v_\mu^A} dy^B \wedge dy^A \wedge d^{m-1} x_\mu + \\ &\quad \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\nu^B \partial v_\mu^A} v_\mu^A dv_\nu^B \wedge d^m x + \left(\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial y^B \partial v_\mu^A} v_\mu^A - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y^B} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial x^\mu \partial v_\mu^B} \right) dy^B \wedge d^m x \end{aligned}$$

(For a more detailed description of all these concepts see, for instance, [1], [5], [7], [10], [28]).

For constructing the Hamiltonian formalism associated with a Lagrangian system in Field Theory, the *Legendre maps* are introduced. Then, depending on the choice of the multimomentum bundle, we can define different types of these maps, as follows:

Definition 7 Let $((E, M; \pi), \mathcal{L})$ be a Lagrangian system, and $\bar{y} \in J^1 E$, with $\bar{y} \xrightarrow{\pi^1} y \xrightarrow{\pi} x$.

1. Let $\mathcal{D} \subset TJ^1 E$ be the subbundle of total derivatives in $J^1 E$ (which in a system of natural coordinates in $J^1 E$, is generated by $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} + v_\mu^A \frac{\partial}{\partial y^A} \right\}$). We have that $\pi^{1*}TE = \pi^{1*}V(\pi) \oplus \mathcal{D}$ with $T_y E|_{\bar{y}} = V_y \pi|_{\bar{y}} \oplus \mathcal{D}_{\bar{y}}$ (see [28] for details). Hence there is a natural projection $\sigma: \pi^{1*}TE \rightarrow \pi^{1*}V(\pi)$, and we can draw the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_{\bar{y}} J_y^1 E = V_{\bar{y}} \pi^1 \simeq (T_x^* M \otimes V_y \pi)_{\bar{y}} & \xrightarrow{D_{\bar{y}} \mathcal{L}_y} & (\Lambda^m T_x^* M)_{\bar{y}} \\ \uparrow \text{Id} \otimes \sigma_{\bar{y}} & \nearrow & \\ (T_x^* M \otimes T_y E)_{\bar{y}} & & \end{array}$$

Then, the generalized Legendre map is the C^∞ -map

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\text{FL}} : J^1 E &\rightarrow J^1 E^* \\ \bar{y} &\mapsto D_{\bar{y}} \mathcal{L}_y \circ (\text{Id} \otimes \sigma)_{\bar{y}} \end{aligned}$$

2. The reduced Legendre map is the C^∞ -map

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FL} : J^1 E &\rightarrow \Pi \\ \bar{y} &\mapsto \tilde{T}_{\bar{y}} \mathcal{L}_y \end{aligned}$$

where the map $\tilde{T}_{\bar{y}}\mathcal{L}_y$ is defined from the following diagram (where the vertical arrows are canonical isomorphisms given by the directional derivatives)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_{\bar{y}}J_y^1E & \longrightarrow & T_{\mathcal{L}_y(\bar{y})}\Lambda^m T_x^*M \\ & \tilde{T}_{\bar{y}}\mathcal{L}_y & \\ \simeq \downarrow & & \downarrow \simeq \\ T_x^*M \otimes V_y\pi & \longrightarrow & \Lambda^m T_x^*M \\ & \tilde{T}_{\bar{y}}\mathcal{L}_y & \end{array}$$

(\mathcal{FL} is just the vertical derivative of \mathcal{L} [13]).

3. The (first) extended Legendre map is the C^∞ -map $\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}: J^1E \rightarrow \mathcal{M}\pi$ given by

$$\widehat{\mathcal{FL}} := \iota_0 \circ \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}$$

The (second) extended Legendre map is the C^∞ -map $\widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}: J^1E \rightarrow \mathcal{M}\pi$ given by

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{FL}} = \widehat{\mathcal{FL}} + \pi^*\mathcal{L}$$

4. The restricted Legendre map is the C^∞ -map $\mathcal{FL}: J^1E \rightarrow \Pi$ given by

$$\mathcal{FL} := \mu \circ \widehat{\mathcal{FL}} = \mu \circ \widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}$$

If $\bar{y} \in J^1E$, with $\pi^1(\bar{y}) = y$, using the natural coordinates in the different multimomentum bundles, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{FL}(\bar{y}) &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A}(\bar{y}) dy^A \wedge d^{m-1}x_\mu \Big|_y \\ \widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}(\bar{y}) &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A}(\bar{y}) dy^A \wedge d^{m-1}x_\mu \Big|_y + (\mathcal{L} - v_\nu^A(\bar{y}) \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A}(\bar{y}) dx^\nu) \Big|_y \\ \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(\bar{y}) &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A}(\bar{y}) dy^A \wedge d^{m-1}x_\mu \Big|_y - v_\nu^A(\bar{y}) \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A}(\bar{y}) dx^\nu \Big|_y \\ \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(\bar{y}) &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A}(\bar{y}) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \otimes (dy^A - v_\nu^A(\bar{y}) dx^\nu) \otimes d^m x \right) \Big|_y \\ \mathcal{FL}(\bar{y}) &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A}(\bar{y}) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \otimes \zeta^A \otimes d^m x \right) \Big|_y \end{aligned}$$

that is, the local expressions of the Legendre maps are the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{FL}^* x^\mu &= x^\mu, & \mathcal{FL}^* y^A &= y^A, & \mathcal{FL}^* p_A^\mu &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A} \\ \widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}^* x^\mu &= x^\mu, & \widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}^* y^A &= y^A, & \widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}^* p_A^\mu &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A}, & \widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}^* p &= \mathcal{L} - v_\mu^A \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A} \\ \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^* x^\mu &= x^\mu, & \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^* y^A &= y^A, & \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^* p_A^\mu &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A}, & \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^* p &= -v_\mu^A \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A} \\ \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^* x^\mu &= x^\mu, & \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^* y^A &= y^A, & \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^* p_A^\mu &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A}, & \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^* p_\nu^\mu &= -v_\nu^A \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A} \\ \mathcal{FL}^* x^\mu &= x^\mu, & \mathcal{FL}^* y^A &= y^A, & \mathcal{FL}^* p_A^\mu &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\mu^A} \end{aligned}$$

Remarks:

- Taking into account all the above results, it is immediate to prove that $\mathcal{FL} = \delta \circ \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}$ (see diagrams (2) and (4)), and $\mathcal{FL} = \Psi \circ \mathcal{FL}$.

- It is interesting to point out that, as $\Theta_{\mathcal{L}}$ and $\theta_{\mathcal{L}}$ can be thought as m -forms on E along the projection $\pi^1: J^1E \rightarrow E$, the extended Legendre maps can be defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(\bar{y})(Z_1, \dots, Z_m) &= (\theta_{\mathcal{L}})_{\bar{y}}(\bar{Z}_1, \dots, \bar{Z}_m) \\ \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(\bar{y})(Z_1, \dots, Z_m) &= (\Theta_{\mathcal{L}})_{\bar{y}}(\bar{Z}_1, \dots, \bar{Z}_m)\end{aligned}$$

where $Z_1, \dots, Z_m \in T_{\pi^1(\bar{y})}E$, and $\bar{Z}_1, \dots, \bar{Z}_m \in T_{\bar{y}}J^1E$ are such that $T_{\bar{y}}\pi^1\bar{Z}_\mu = Z_\mu$.

In addition, the (second) extended Legendre map can also be defined as the “first order vertical Taylor approximation to \mathcal{L} ” [3], [12].

Finally, we have the following relations between the Legendre maps and the Poincaré-Cartan $(m+1)$ -form in J^1E (which can be easily proved using natural systems of coordinates and the expressions of the Legendre maps):

Proposition 4 *Let $((E, M; \pi), \mathcal{L})$ be a Lagrangian system. Then:*

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^*\Theta &= \Theta_{\mathcal{L}} & ; & & \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^*\Omega &= \Omega_{\mathcal{L}} \\ \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^*\Theta &= \Theta_{\mathcal{L}} - \mathcal{L} = \theta_{\mathcal{L}} & ; & & \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^*\Omega &= \Omega_{\mathcal{L}} - d\mathcal{L} = -d\theta_{\mathcal{L}} \\ \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^*\hat{\Theta} &= \Theta_{\mathcal{L}} - \mathcal{L} = \theta_{\mathcal{L}} & ; & & \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}^*\hat{\Omega} &= \Omega_{\mathcal{L}} - d\mathcal{L} = -d\theta_{\mathcal{L}}\end{aligned}$$

Remark:

- Observe that the Hamiltonian formalism is essentially the dual formalism of the Lagrangian model, by means of the Lagrangian density. Then, as J^1E is an affine bundle, its affine dual can be identified with $\text{Aff}(J^1E, \pi^*\Lambda^m T^*M) \simeq \mathcal{M}\pi$, whose dimension is greater than $\dim J^1E$, and hence $\text{Aff}(J^1E, \pi^*\Lambda^m T^*M)/\Lambda_0^m T^*E \simeq J^1\pi^*$ is more suitable as a dual bundle (from the dimensional point of view). Then, the canonical forms Θ and Ω in $\mathcal{M}\pi$, and $\hat{\Theta}$ and $\hat{\Omega}$ in J^1E^* , can be pulled-back to the restricted and reduced multimomentum bundles $J^1\pi^*$ and Π , using sections of the projections $\mu: \mathcal{M}\pi \rightarrow J^1\pi^*$ and $\delta: J^1E^* \rightarrow \Pi$, respectively [3], [6]. In this way, the reduced and restricted multimomentum bundles are endowed with (non-canonical) geometrical structures (*Hamilton-Cartan forms*) needed for stating the Hamiltonian formalism.

In addition, connections in the bundle $\pi: E \rightarrow M$ induce linear sections of μ (and δ) [3], [6], [9], [25], and it can be proved that there is a bijective correspondence between the set of connections in the bundle $\pi: E \rightarrow M$, and the set of linear sections of the projection μ .

Hence, all these results, together with Theorem 1, allows us to relate two of the most usual Hamiltonian formalisms of Field Theories [6].

5 Regular and singular systems

Following the well-known terminology of mechanics, we define:

Definition 8 *Let $((E, M; \pi), \mathcal{L})$ be a Lagrangian system.*

1. *$((E, M; \pi), \mathcal{L})$ is said to be a regular or non-degenerate Lagrangian system if \mathcal{FL} , and hence, \mathcal{FL} are local diffeomorphisms.*

As a particular case, $((E, M; \pi), \mathcal{L})$ is said to be a hyper-regular Lagrangian system if \mathcal{FL} , and hence \mathcal{FL} , are global diffeomorphisms.

2. Elsewhere $((E, M; \pi), \mathcal{L})$ is said to be a singular or degenerate Lagrangian system.

Proposition 5 *Let $((E, M; \pi), \mathcal{L})$ a hyper-regular Lagrangian system. Then:*

1. $\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1 E)$ is a m^2 -codimensional imbedded submanifold of $J^1 E^*$ which is transverse to the projection δ .
2. $\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1 E)$ and $\widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1 E)$ are 1-codimensional imbedded submanifolds of $\mathcal{M}\pi$ which are transverse to the projection μ .
3. The manifolds $J^1 \pi^*$, $\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1 E)$, $\widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1 E)$, $\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1 E)$ and Π are diffeomorphic.
Hence, $\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}$, $\widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}$ and \mathcal{FL} are diffeomorphisms on their images; and the maps μ , restricted to $\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1 E)$ or to $\widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1 E)$, and ι_0 and δ , restricted to $\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1 E)$, are also diffeomorphisms.

(Proof)

1. If \mathcal{L} is hyper-regular then \mathcal{FL} is a diffeomorphism and hence, as $\mathcal{FL} = \widehat{\mathcal{FL}} \circ \delta$, we obtain that $\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}$ is injective and $\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1 E)$ is transverse to the fibers of δ .
2. The proof of this statement is like for the one above (see also [21]).
3. It is a direct consequence of the above items.

■

In this way we have the following (commutative) diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & & J^1 \pi^* & \\
 & & & \uparrow \mu & \\
 & & & \mathcal{M}\pi & \\
 & \nearrow \mathcal{FL} & & \uparrow \mu & \\
 J^1 E & \nearrow \widetilde{\mathcal{FL}} & & \mathcal{M}\pi & \\
 & \xrightarrow{\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}} & & \uparrow \iota_0 & \\
 & \searrow \widehat{\mathcal{FL}} & & J^1 E^* & \\
 & \searrow \mathcal{FL} & & \downarrow \delta & \\
 & & & \Pi & \\
 & & & \downarrow \Psi &
 \end{array} \tag{2}$$

Observe that there exists a map $\mu': \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1 E) \subset \mathcal{M}\pi \rightarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1 E) \subset \mathcal{M}\pi$, which is a diffeomorphism defined by the relation $\widetilde{\mathcal{FL}} = \mu' \circ \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}$, and $\mu \circ \mu' = \mu$ on $\widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1 E)$.

For dealing with singular Lagrangians we must assume minimal “regularity” conditions. Hence we introduce the following terminology:

Definition 9 *A singular Lagrangian system $((E, M; \pi), \mathcal{L})$ is said to be almost-regular if:*

1. $\mathcal{P} := \mathcal{FL}(J^1 E)$ and $P := \mathcal{FL}(J^1 E)$ are closed submanifolds of $J^1 \pi^*$ and Π , respectively.
(We will denote by $j_0: \mathcal{P} \hookrightarrow J^1 \pi^*$ and $j_0: P \hookrightarrow \Pi$ the corresponding imbeddings).

2. \mathcal{FL} , and hence \mathcal{FL} , are submersions onto their images.
3. For every $\bar{y} \in J^1E$, the fibers $\mathcal{FL}^{-1}(\mathcal{FL}(\bar{y}))$ and hence $\mathcal{FL}^{-1}(\mathcal{FL}(\bar{y}))$ are connected submanifolds of J^1E .

(This definition is equivalent to that in reference [21], but slightly different from that in references [9] and [25]).

Let $((E, M; \pi), \mathcal{L})$ be an almost-regular Lagrangian system. Denote

$$\hat{\mathcal{P}} := \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1E) \quad , \quad \tilde{\mathcal{P}} := \widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1E) \quad , \quad \hat{P} := \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}(J^1E)$$

Let $\hat{j}_0: \hat{\mathcal{P}} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}\pi$, $\tilde{j}_0: \tilde{\mathcal{P}} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}\pi$, $\hat{j}_0: \hat{P} \hookrightarrow J^1E^*$ be the canonical inclusions, and

$$\hat{\mu}: \hat{\mathcal{P}} \rightarrow \mathcal{P} \quad , \quad \tilde{\mu}: \tilde{\mathcal{P}} \rightarrow \mathcal{P} \quad , \quad \hat{\iota}_0: \hat{P} \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{P}} \quad , \quad \hat{\delta}: \hat{P} \rightarrow P \quad , \quad \Psi_0: \hat{\mathcal{P}} \rightarrow P$$

the restrictions of the maps μ , ι_0 , δ and the diffeomorphism Ψ , respectively. Finally, define the restriction mappings

$$\mathcal{FL}_0: J^1E \rightarrow \mathcal{P} \quad , \quad \widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}_0: J^1E \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{P}} \quad , \quad \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}_0: J^1E \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{P}} \quad , \quad \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}_0: J^1E \rightarrow \hat{P} \quad , \quad \mathcal{FL}_0: J^1E \rightarrow P$$

Proposition 6 *Let $((E, M; \pi), \mathcal{L})$ be an almost-regular Lagrangian system. Then:*

1. The maps Ψ_0 and $\tilde{\mu}$ are diffeomorphisms.

2. For every $\bar{y} \in J^1E$,

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}_0^{-1}(\widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}_0(\bar{y})) = \mathcal{FL}_0^{-1}(\mathcal{FL}_0(\bar{y})) = \mathcal{FL}_0^{-1}(\mathcal{FL}_0(\bar{y})) \quad (3)$$

3. $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$ and $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$ are submanifolds of $\mathcal{M}\pi$, \hat{P} is a submanifold of J^1E^* , and $\tilde{j}_0: \tilde{\mathcal{P}} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}\pi$, $\hat{j}_0: \hat{\mathcal{P}} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}\pi$, $\hat{j}_0: \hat{P} \hookrightarrow J^1E^*$ are imbeddings.

4. The restriction mappings $\widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}_0$, $\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}_0$ and $\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}_0$ are submersions with connected fibers.

(Proof) Ψ_0 is a diffeomorphism as is Ψ .

The second equality of (3) is a consequence of the relation $\mathcal{FL}_0 = \Psi_0 \circ \mathcal{FL}_0$.

For the proof of the first equality of (3), and of the assertions concerning $\tilde{\mu}$, $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$ and $\widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}_0$, see [21] and [22]. Then, the proofs of the other assertions are similar. ■

Thus we have the (commutative) diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \mathcal{P} & \xrightarrow{j_0} & J^1\pi^* \\
 & \nearrow \mathcal{FL}_0 & \uparrow \tilde{\mu} & \nearrow \tilde{j}_0 & \uparrow \mu \\
 & \nearrow \widetilde{\mathcal{FL}}_0 & \uparrow \tilde{\mu}' & \nearrow \tilde{j}_0 & \uparrow \mu \\
 J^1E & \xrightarrow{\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}_0} & \hat{\mathcal{P}} & \xrightarrow{\hat{j}_0} & \mathcal{M}\pi \\
 & \nearrow \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}_0 & \uparrow \hat{\iota}_0 & \nearrow \hat{j}_0 & \uparrow \iota_0 \\
 & \nearrow \mathcal{FL}_0 & \uparrow \hat{\iota}_0 & \nearrow \hat{j}_0 & \uparrow \iota_0 \\
 & \nearrow \mathcal{FL}_0 & \uparrow \hat{\iota}_0 & \nearrow \hat{j}_0 & \uparrow \iota_0 \\
 & & \hat{P} & \xrightarrow{j_0} & J^1E^* \\
 & & \downarrow \hat{\delta} & \downarrow j_0 & \downarrow \delta \\
 & & P & \xrightarrow{j_0} & \Pi
 \end{array}
 \quad \begin{array}{c} \Psi_0 \\ \Psi \end{array}
 \quad (4)$$

where $\hat{\mu}': \hat{\mathcal{P}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{P}}$ is defined by the relation $\hat{\mu}' := \tilde{\mu}^{-1} \circ \hat{\mu}$.

Remarks:

- The fact that $\tilde{\mu}$ is a diffeomorphism is particularly relevant, since it allows us to construct a Hamiltonian formalism for an almost-regular Lagrangian system [22].
- It is interesting to point out that the map $\hat{\mu}$ (which is related with the Legendre map $\widehat{\mathcal{FL}}_0$) is not a diffeomorphism in general, since $\text{rank } \widehat{\mathcal{FL}}_0 \geq \text{rank } \mathcal{FL}_0 = \text{rank } \mathcal{FL}_0$, as is evident from the analysis of the corresponding Jacobian matrices.

The matrix of the tangent maps \mathcal{FL}_* and \mathcal{FL}_* in a natural coordinate system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Id} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{Id} & 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial x^\nu \partial v_\mu^A} & \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial y^B \partial v_\mu^A} & \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\nu^B \partial v_\mu^A} \end{pmatrix}$$

where the sub-matrix $\left(\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\nu^B \partial v_\mu^A} \right)$ is the *partial Hessian matrix* of \mathcal{L} . Obviously, the regularity of \mathcal{L} is equivalent to demanding that the partial Hessian matrix $\left(\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial v_\nu^B \partial v_\mu^A} \right)$ is regular everywhere in $J^1 E$. This fact establishes the relation to the concept of regularity given in an equivalent way by saying that a Lagrangian system $((E, M; \pi), \mathcal{L})$ is *regular* if $\Omega_{\mathcal{L}}$ is 1-nondegenerate (elsewhere it is said to be *singular* or *non-regular*).

Conclusions

- We have reviewed the definitions of four different multimomentum bundles for the Hamiltonian formalism of first-order Classical Field Theories (multisymplectic models). The so-called *generalized* and *reduced* multimomentum bundles are related straightforward from their definition, and the same thing happens with the *generalized* and *restricted* multimomentum bundles. The first goal of this work has been to relate both couples, proving that the *reduced* and *restricted* multimomentum bundles are, in fact, canonically diffeomorphic. In natural local coordinates, this diffeomorphism is just the identity.
- The canonical forms which the generalized and the extended multimomentum bundles are endowed with, have been defined and characterized in several equivalent ways.
- Given a *Lagrangian system* in Field Theory, we have introduced the corresponding *Legendre maps* relating these multimomentum bundles to the first-order jet bundle associated with this system. Some of them, the *generalized* and *reduced* Legendre maps, are defined in a natural way as *fiber derivatives* of the Lagrangian density, being the other ones obtained from those. The relation among all these maps has been clarified.
- *Regular* and *almost-regular* Lagrangian systems are defined and studied, attending to the geometric features of the Legendre maps. In this way, the standard definitions existing in the usual literature are extended and completed.

A Appendix

Lemma 1 *Let $\pi: F \rightarrow N$ be a differentiable bundle, with $\dim N = n$ and $\dim F = n + r$, and $p \in F$ with $q = \pi(p)$. Let $v_1, \dots, v_h \in T_p F$ ($h \leq n$), such that: v_1, \dots, v_h are linearly independent, and $\langle v_1, \dots, v_h \rangle \cap V_p(\pi) = \{0\}$. Then:*

1. *There exist $X_1, \dots, X_h \in \mathfrak{X}(W)$, for a neighborhood $W \subset F$ of p , such that:*
 - (a) X_1, \dots, X_h are linearly independent, at every point of W .
 - (b) X_1, \dots, X_h generate an involutive distribution in W .
 - (c) $X_i(p) = v_i$, ($i = 1, \dots, h$).
 - (d) $\langle X_1(x), \dots, X_h(x) \rangle \cap V_x(\pi) = \{0\}$, for every $x \in W$.
2. *There exists a local section γ of π , defined in a neighborhood of $q \in N$, and $u_1, \dots, u_h \in T_q N$ such that: $\gamma(q) = p$, and $T_p \gamma(u_i) = v_i$, ($i = 1, \dots, h$).*

(Proof) Let $v_{h+1}, \dots, v_n \in T_p F$, such that $T_p = V_p(\pi) \oplus \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle$. Let (W, φ) be a local chart of F at p , adapted to π . We have $\varphi: W \rightarrow U_1 \times U_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^r$. Let e_1, \dots, e_n and e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{n+r} be local basis of \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^r , respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_p \varphi(v_1), \dots, T_p \varphi(v_n) \rangle &= \langle e_1, \dots, e_n \rangle \\ T_x \varphi(V_x(\pi)) &= \langle e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{n+r} \rangle \quad , \quad \forall x \in W \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Let $Z_1, \dots, Z_n \in \mathfrak{X}(U_1 \times U_2)$ be the constant extensions of $T_p \varphi(v_1), \dots, T_p \varphi(v_n)$ to $U_1 \times U_2$. We have that $[Z_i, Z_j] = 0$, $\forall i, j$. Finally, let $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \mathfrak{X}(W)$, with $X_i = \varphi^* Z_i$, therefore:

1. Taking X_1, \dots, X_h , ($h \leq n$), conditions (1.a), (1.b) and (1.c) hold trivially (by construction), and condition (1.d) holds as a consequence of (5).
2. Observe that $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \mathfrak{X}(W)$ generate the horizontal subspace of a connection defined in the bundle $\pi: W \rightarrow \pi(W)$, which is integrable because the distribution is involutive. Then, let γ be the integral section of this connection at p . Therefore $\gamma(q) = p$, and the subspace tangent to the image of γ at p is generated by v_1, \dots, v_n . Hence, there exist u_1, \dots, u_n such that $T_q \gamma(u_i) = v_i$.

■

Now, let A be an affine space modeled on a vector space S , and T another vector space, both over the same field K . Let $\text{Aff}(A, T)$ be the set of affine maps from A to T ; that is,

maps $\varphi: A \rightarrow T$ such that there exists a linear map $\hat{\varphi}: S \rightarrow T$ verifying that $\varphi(a) - \varphi(b) = \hat{\varphi}(a - b)$; for $a, b \in A$. Then:

Lemma 2 1. *There is a natural isomorphism between $\text{Aff}(A, T)/T$ and $S^* \otimes T$ (and then $\dim \text{Aff}(A, T) = \dim(S^* \otimes T) + \dim T = \dim T(\dim S + 1)$).*

2. *There is a canonical isomorphism between $\text{Aff}(A, T)$ and $\text{Aff}(A, K) \otimes T$.*

(Proof) $\text{Aff}(A, T)$ is a vector space over K with the natural operations. The map $\wedge: \text{Aff}(A, T) \rightarrow S^* \otimes T$, which assigns $\hat{\varphi}$ to every φ , is linear and we have the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow T \xrightarrow{j} \text{Aff}(A, T) \xrightarrow{\wedge} S^* \otimes T \longrightarrow 0$$

where, if $t \in T$, then $j(t): A \rightarrow T$ is the constant map $(j(t))(a) = t$, for every $a \in A$. Therefore we have a natural isomorphism $\text{Aff}(A, T)/T \simeq S^* \otimes T$ and then

$$\dim \text{Aff}(A, T) = \dim (S^* \otimes T) + \dim T = \dim T(\dim S + 1)$$

Moreover, for $y_0 \in A$, there exists an splitting $\text{Aff}(A, T) \simeq T \oplus (S^* \otimes T)$ given by the following retract of the above exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} j_{y_0} & : & S^* \otimes T & \rightarrow & \text{Aff}(A, T) \\ & & \varphi & \mapsto & \varphi_0 : y \mapsto \varphi(y - y_0) \end{array}$$

On the other hand, we have the bilinear map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Aff}(A, K) \times T & \longrightarrow & \text{Aff}(A, T) \\ (\alpha, t) & \mapsto & t\alpha : a \mapsto \alpha(a)t \end{array}$$

and hence we can define the following morphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Aff}(A, K) \otimes T & \longrightarrow & \text{Aff}(A, T) \\ \alpha^i \otimes u_i & \mapsto & u_i \alpha^i \end{array}$$

which is injective because we can assume that the vectors u_i are linearly independent, and both spaces have the same dimension. Therefore $\text{Aff}(A, T)$ and $\text{Aff}(A, K) \otimes T$ are canonically isomorphic. ■

If (s_1, \dots, s_m) is a basis of S , $(\sigma^1, \dots, \sigma^m)$ is its dual basis and (t_1, \dots, t_m) is a basis of T , then taking an affine reference in A , $(t_i, t_i \otimes \sigma^j)$ is a basis of $\text{Aff}(A, T)$, as vector space.

Now, let G, H be finite dimensional vector spaces over K , and F a subspace of G . Consider the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow F \xrightarrow{\tau} G \xrightarrow{\pi} H \longrightarrow 0 \quad (6)$$

The set

$$\Sigma \equiv \{\sigma: H \rightarrow G; \sigma \text{ linear}, \pi \circ \sigma = \text{Id}_H\}$$

is an affine space modeled on $L(H, F) = H^* \otimes F$. In fact, if $\sigma \in \Sigma$ and $\lambda \in H^* \otimes F$, then $\sigma + \lambda \in \Sigma$, since $\pi \circ \lambda = 0$. Furthermore, if $\sigma, \mu \in \Sigma$, then $\pi \circ (\sigma - \mu) = 0$, and hence $\sigma - \mu \in H^* \otimes F$.

If $\dim H = m$, taking the space $\text{Aff}(\Sigma, \Lambda^m H^*)$, and

according to the second item of the above Lemma, we have that $\text{Aff}(\Sigma, \Lambda^m H^*) \simeq \text{Aff}(\Sigma, K) \otimes \Lambda^m H^*$, and then $\dim \text{Aff}(\Sigma, \Lambda^m H^*) = \dim \text{Aff}(\Sigma, K) = \dim (H^* \otimes F) + 1$. Now, consider the subspace

$$\Lambda_1^m G^* \equiv \{\alpha \in \Lambda^m G^* : i(u) i(v) \alpha = 0, u, v \in F\} \subset \Lambda^m G^*$$

Lemma 3 *The spaces $\text{Aff}(\Sigma, \Lambda^m H^*)$ and $\Lambda_1^m G^*$ are canonically isomorphic.*

(Proof) If (f^1, \dots, f^r) is a basis of F and $g^1, \dots, g^m \in G$ such that $(f^1, \dots, f^r, g^1, \dots, g^m)$ is a basis of G , then $\Lambda_1^m G^*$ is generated by $(g^1 \wedge \dots \wedge g^m, f^j \wedge g^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge g^{i_{m-1}})$ (with $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{m-1} < m$), therefore $\dim \Lambda_1^m G^* = 1 + \dim F \dim H$; that is, $\dim \Lambda_1^m G^* = \dim \text{Aff}(\Sigma, \Lambda^m H^*)$. Next, define the linear map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Upsilon & : & \Lambda_1^m G^* \longrightarrow \text{Aff}(\Sigma, \Lambda^m H^*) \\ \eta & \mapsto & \Upsilon(\eta) : \sigma \mapsto \sigma^* \eta \end{array}$$

which we want to prove is an isomorphism, for which it suffices to prove that it is injective. Thus, suppose that $\Upsilon(\eta) = 0$ (that is $\sigma^* \eta = 0$, for every $\sigma \in \Sigma$), then we must prove that $\eta = 0$. Let $g^1, \dots, g^m \in G$ be linearly independent (so $\dim L(g^1, \dots, g^m) = m$); we are going to calculate $\eta(g^1, \dots, g^m)$.

1. If $L(g^1, \dots, g^m) \cap \tau(F) = \{0\}$:

Then $G = L(g^1, \dots, g^m) \oplus \tau(F)$ and therefore $\pi: L(g^1, \dots, g^m) \rightarrow H$ is an isomorphism. Hence, there exist $h^1, \dots, h^m \in H$ and $\sigma: H \rightarrow G$, with $\pi \circ \sigma = \text{Id}_H$, such that $\sigma(h^i) = g^i$; therefore

$$\eta(g^1, \dots, g^m) = \eta(\sigma(h^1), \dots, \sigma(h^m)) = (\sigma^* \eta)(h^1, \dots, h^m) = 0$$

2. If $L(g^1, \dots, g^m) \cap \tau(F) \neq \{0\}$:

- (a) If $\dim(L(g^1, \dots, g^m) \cap \tau(F)) = 1$:

In this case there is $u \in L(g^1, \dots, g^m) \cap \tau(F)$, with $u \neq 0$, such that $L(g^1, \dots, g^m) = L(u, g^2, \dots, g^m)$ (up to an ordering change), and then there is $k \in K$ such that

$$\eta(g^1, \dots, g^m) = k\eta(u, g^2, \dots, g^m)$$

therefore $L(g^2, \dots, g^m) \cap \tau(F) = \{0\}$. Let (u, u^1, \dots, u^r) be a basis of F , and \bar{g}^1 such that $(u, u^1, \dots, u^r, \bar{g}^1, g^2, \dots, g^m)$ is a basis of G . Then $L(\bar{g}^1, g^2, \dots, g^m) \cap \tau(F) = \{0\}$, and hence, as a consequence of the above item, we conclude that $\eta(\bar{g}^1, g^2, \dots, g^m) = 0$. Furthermore, $L(\bar{g}^1 + u, g^2, \dots, g^m) \cap \tau(F) = \{0\}$ because, if this is not true, then $L(\bar{g}^1, g^2, \dots, g^m) \cap \tau(F) \neq \{0\}$, and hence $\eta(\bar{g}^1 + u, g^2, \dots, g^m) = 0$, by the above item. Thus

$$\eta(g^1, \dots, g^m) = k\eta(u, g^2, \dots, g^m) = k(\eta(\bar{g}^1 + u, g^2, \dots, g^m) - \eta(\bar{g}^1, g^2, \dots, g^m)) = 0$$

- (b) If $\dim(L(g^1, \dots, g^m) \cap \tau(F)) = s > 1$, with $s \leq r = \dim F$:

Let $(f^1, \dots, f^s, g^{s+1}, \dots, g^m)$ be a basis of $L(g^1, \dots, g^m)$, with $f^1, \dots, f^s \in F$. Then, as $\eta \in \Lambda^m G^*$,

$$\eta(g^1, \dots, g^m) = k\eta(f^1, \dots, f^s, g^{s+1}, \dots, g^m) = 0$$

Then $\eta = 0$, so Υ is injective and is a canonical isomorphism between $\text{Aff}(\Sigma, \Lambda^m H^*)$ and $\Lambda_1^m G^*$. ■

Using the first item of Lemma 2 and identifying $A = \Sigma$, we conclude:

Lemma 4 $\text{Aff}(\Sigma, \Lambda^m H^*) / \Lambda^m H^* \simeq (H^* \otimes F)^* \otimes \Lambda^m H^* \simeq H \otimes F^* \otimes \Lambda^m H^*$.

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